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LADIES'
Silk Elbow Gloves
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NEW New Line Just In.

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10 EAST WASHINGTON STREET.

MR. TAGGART BEGGED

BY DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT NOMINATION.

At First He Flatly Refused, but Finally Agreed to Withhold His Letter of Declination.

PRIMARIES TO BE ON AUG. 26

W. F. MOORE, ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE, IS IGNORED.

Leaders Declare to Present Mayor that If He Backs Out It Will Be Cowardice.

It is practically certain that Mayor Taggart will not accept a renomination. He prepared a letter for the Democratic city committee his personal assurance to that effect last night. He advised the committee to agree upon some other candidate.

The Democratic city committee assembled at the headquarters of the state executive committee, in the Lombard building, last night, presumably for the sole purpose of determining the date of the Democratic primaries to elect a city ticket, but after this business was transacted Chairman Fanning uncovered another little scheme which made the most of those present for the date of the primaries in their eagerness to embrace Mr. Fanning's new proposal.

The object of this scheme was to persuade Mayor Taggart to accept a renomination. It became known for the first time to a number of those present that Mr. Taggart had prepared a letter for the Democratic city committee his personal assurance to that effect last night. He advised the committee to agree upon some other candidate.

Not one word was said about the fact that William F. Moore, a loyal Democrat, had publicly announced his candidacy for the nomination of mayor. No one seemed to think it would be indecorous for the city committee to publicly invite another Democrat to be a candidate, and the name of Mr. Moore seemed to be completely forgotten. A committee composed of Thomas L. Sullivan, W. W. Spencer, John J. Appel and J. E. McHugh was hastily appointed and instructed to state publicly that they thought Mayor Taggart if he declined to accept the nomination.

The committee lost no time in flouting the mayor and explaining the object of its visit. Mr. Sullivan was the principal spokesman, and when he had finished what he had to say there was nothing left to be said. He was then asked to read a letter that he gave to the committee, and what was more, they were going to have it read. To all of the entreaties of the committee Mayor Taggart turned a deaf ear, and persistently declared that he had no intention of being a candidate. He was then asked to read a letter that he gave to the committee, and what was more, they were going to have it read.

A STRING TO IT.
Finally, just before the committee left, Mr. Taggart promised that he would withhold the letter he had written for publication for a few days, and with this the committee was forced to be satisfied. It was after 11 o'clock when it returned to headquarters and broke the news. Several of the committee men said that they had been told that Mr. Taggart would accept the nomination, as his promise to withhold his letter from publication, even though it might be for only a few days, gave them room for encouragement.

The primaries will be held between the hours of 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. on Monday, August 26. At the suggestion of Chairman Fanning it was decided to make a sixty-day poll, and the books will be distributed among the precinct committees about Aug. 7.

His Fiancee "Backed Out."

When the county clerk's office opened yesterday morning J. W. Cradick, who is from Hendricks county, was waiting at the door. The marriage license clerk, who had given him a license to marry Rosa Heim about 5 o'clock the evening before, wondered whether or not he had been there all night. He had the license in his hand and asked to "return it," as he could not use it. He said the woman, who is pretty cook, had asked for a receipt for the license, as he did not want to carry it with him and might in the future want it. He was given a receipt for the license, which is now in the safe awaiting use.

Factory Inspectors Confer.

State Factory Inspector McAbee was found yesterday afternoon in his office on the third floor of the Statehouse surrounded by his deputies, except Mr. McAbee, who was alone. He was being discussed, he said, and his assistants being merely in talking over results of their inspections of factories and in exchanging ideas concerning their business.

INTERESTS WIN CASE

CLEARED BY BOARD OF HEALTH OF "INSANITY TRUST" STIGMA.

Verdict is that Dispensary Doctors Were Not Dishonest in Their Inquests.

POOLING OF FEES NOT EVIL

SEPT. BENHAM SAYS IT PREVENTS HURTFUL COMPETITION.

Denial that Physicians Had an Alliance with Justice of the Peace Lockman.

The City Board of Health last night completed its investigation relative to the alleged irregularities in the matter of handling insanity cases by employees of the city at the free dispensary. Following is the verdict made last night after a personal examination of Superintendent J. F. Benham, Drs. J. F. Hicks, H. A. Jacobs, J. B. Young, Elwood Gray, Drivers Thomas F. Delaney and Henry Heid and Matron Mrs. Elizabeth Cronnon:

"In our judgment some affidavits were made too brief and perfunctory, but we are convinced that they expressed the honest opinions of the affiants after personal examination of the patient.

"There is no evidence that any affidavit was ever made for the purpose of securing witness fees either for the affiant or for any other person connected with the institution.

"There is no evidence of any medical attendant or examining physician ever investigating an investigation knowing that the patient was not insane.

"There is no evidence of any pool of all employees of the dispensary for the purpose of dividing the fees from insanity inquests.

"There is no evidence of an understanding or agreement between dispensary employees and any justice of the peace for mutual benefit.

"There is a mutual understanding between the five dispensary internes by which they share equally the legitimate fees of the institution, such as insanity inquest fees, autopsies and coroner's fees, neither the superintendent, ambulance drivers nor other employees participating in the division of such fees.

This statement was signed by Drs. F. A. Morrison, E. D. Moffat and E. C. Rorer.

SEPT. BENHAM'S STATEMENT.
Earlier in the day affidavits were made by each of the attaches of the dispensary, denying the existence of a "pool" for the division of insanity fees. Last night it was shown that there was an agreement among the five internes for the equal division of all fees received. Dr. Benham, the superintendent, upon his examination said the agreement was known to him and was by his sanction in force. He recited an instance several years ago when such an agreement did exist, but was broken by one of the members of the dispensary, who sought to secure for himself more fees than the others, and this resulted at the time in a noticeable increase in the number of insanity commissions held and the dismissal of the interne, there being a certain punitive to each interne not to miss anything for himself.

He said he had not, nor had the matron, Mrs. Cronnon, nor the ambulance drivers, Thomas Delaney and Henry Heid, shared in the division of the fees. He thought such an agreement a matter of fairness to each, and, in fact, a safe-guard, preventing competition among physicians. He thought it should be explained that the division was not of fees from insanity inquests alone, but of court fees, autopsies and witness fees when testimony was given before the coroner. He knew of no agreement that any justice of the peace was to have all of the cases sent to him. He also said that a few days before the recent agitation of the matter he had directed the internes to distribute the cases among the various justices. He said he had heard of no such complaints against any of the internes and he had no knowledge of any physician connected with the dispensary making charges for attendance.

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FAVORS SECRET INVESTIGATION.
There was a lull in the insanity investigation yesterday so far as the Board of State Charities was concerned. Secretary Butler remained in his office in the Statehouse all day and when asked on what day the board will resume its investigation replied, "I cannot say as to that, I leave that to the board." Secretary Thomas E. Ellison, of Fort Wayne, a member of the board, remained in the city yesterday, after spending Tuesday night in the hospital. This was taken as an indication that the investigation will be resumed this morning.

Care Shown in Inquest.
The papers in the case of Newton Elliott, of Southport, who was adjudged to be insane, show considerable care in their preparation than other such papers for several months. The commission was composed of Justice William S. Lockman, Dr. W. Curry and Dr. E. C. Rorer, all of whom got into debate in their sworn statements. Elliott's mother is trying to prepare him and tries to get away from the imaginary person. At times he is violent and at times he is quiet. He is now confined to her bed. A member of his family made the affidavit upon which the commission acted.

AN ARMY POST HERE.

Senator Fairbanks Indorses Commercial Club's Plan.

The special committee of the Commercial Club appointed to look after the project of securing the location of a regular army post and camp of instruction in this city has presented its plan to Senator Fairbanks, who indorses it and suggests that immediate action be taken. The idea is to purchase 1,000 acres of ground on either Fall creek or White river, from four to ten miles from the city, and present it to the government in exchange for the Arsenal tract, the latter to be used as a location for the University of Indianapolis.

The army post desired to be located here would be one of four provided for in an act passed by the last Congress. It would be occupied constantly by from ten to fourteen companies of "regulars" and in addition would be a place where the militia of the surrounding States would come at intervals. If a post of this kind is located here it would mean,

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It is said, the expenditure of several million dollars by the government within the next few years.

Major Shaler, commandant of the Arsenal, considers Indianapolis an ideal location for an army post on account of its being so near the center of population and on account of its admirably situated facilities. Major Shaler cites the further fact that from this section of the country a large per cent. of Spanish-American war volunteers and recruits was drawn.

A WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs. Traube, Colored, Fell Out of a Wagon Before a Locomotive.

Mrs. Josie Traube, colored, fifty years of age, was killed yesterday morning at Norwood by being run over by a Big Four engine. She was driving to the city with Mrs. Laura Miller, her daughter-in-law, and sat on a chair in the rear of the wagon. Mrs. Miller whipped the horse to get across the track in front of the engine, which was coming toward them and was not far away. The sudden crash caused Mrs. Traube to fall out of the wagon and she was thrown out and on to the track directly in front of the engine, which was coming toward them. The body was picked up and taken to the hospital. The trainmen returned to pick up the portions of the body distributed along the track and left the scene of the accident. The woman lived on Perkins pike with her husband and seven children.

WORK OF TAX BOARD

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CRAWFORDSVILLE APPEAL.

Commissioners Have Not Decided that They Will Employ Tax Ferrets.

The State Board of Tax Commissioners at its session yesterday morning resumed the hearing of the appeal brought by the Crawfordsville Royal Arch Masons of Crawfordville against the assessment made by the Madison County Board of Review. The company seeks to have its assessment reduced from \$100,000 to \$65,000.

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The appeals of the Grimmer and Meyer positions were taken up by the board. Grimmer is auditor of Lake county, and by virtue of his office occupies a position on the board. He is, however, acting as an entirely assessed the personal property of the Standard Oil Company in Whiting at \$65,000, paying no attention to the improvements. Mr. Grimmer took an appeal from this assessment to the State Tax Board, alleging that the company should be assessed \$200,000 on additional improvements and on personal property at least \$50,000.

Mr. Meyer, as trustee for another holds a note which he claims is listed for taxation in the county of Lake. He also said that a few days before the recent agitation of the matter he had directed the internes to distribute the cases among the various justices. He said he had heard of no such complaints against any of the internes and he had no knowledge of any physician connected with the dispensary making charges for attendance.

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CANNED GOODS BOOM

CAUSED BY THE DROUGHT KILLING GROWING VEGETABLES.

Prospect is that Retailers Will Open the Next Season with Empty Shelves.

GREAT SCARCITY OF BEANS

PRICE EXPECTED TO GO TO \$3 WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Pleanty of Corn, and Small Crop of Cotton Would Help Dry Goods Business.

"Trade in wholesale grocery lines continues good in spite of the hot weather and the drought," said William Kothe, of Kothe, Wells & Bauer, yesterday. "This is because of the scarcity of all kinds of vegetables, which forces the consumer to use canned goods and dried fruits. We have never had such a trade in canned goods since we have been in business as we have had during the past week. We are getting \$1 a dozen for tomatoes, and expect the price to be \$1.50 next week."

"It looks as if the retailer will go into the new season with empty shelves. When you figure that it would cost 50 cents a dozen to put up water in three-pound cans, you can realize that the present prices, although they may seem high, are really not out of proportion. I don't think there is any doubt that everything in the canned goods line will bring much higher prices this fall than during the past spring."

"Broom corn has doubled in value within the last forty days, and it looks as if brooms would go much higher than they are now."

"We are paying \$2.50 cash for beans today, with a prospect of a \$3 price within the next two weeks. The explanation for this lies in the great scarcity of beans. What the new crop will sell for is guesswork."

"It is impossible to get a price from any packer on pickles or kraut. These articles may bring extreme prices if we do not have a general rain very soon."

"There is a general clean-up of teamsters and dock hands on the coast, and this has about paralyzed the canning industry in California. Unless the difficulty is settled within the next few days, the results will be very serious. The canners have all withdrawn prices, and will not accept any kind of a compromise. It is simply a question of how long the strike may last. Whether they will get their cans or not."

"Taking the canners and the uncertainty of the cans, the packers are certainly not in an enviable position. It looks very much as if they are up against the real thing."

"Providence plays a wonderful part in the canning of commerce and crops," continued Mr. Kothe. "Sixty days ago the packers were begging for orders and making a business of it. Now they are not finding a packer that will even name a price. At that time it looked as if there would be a better price for cotton goods, but along came the month's drought and completely changed things."

"The drought has affected our business in two ways," said a representative of Hibben, Hollweg & Co., wholesale dry goods, yesterday. "One effect has been to cause us uneasiness as to the probable amount of corn that will be harvested and the other is in the uncertainty over the cotton crop."

Plenty of corn and a small crop of cotton would mean a better price for cotton goods, but the reverse would leave the matter in uncertainty.

"The general condition of the dry goods trade has, however, been satisfactory. I do not remember a time when we have had such a brisk summer trade as we have had this year. Our advance order business for fall has been unusually good. Some grades of wool, which is another good indication. Indeed, everything points to better conditions this fall than we have seen for several years."

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